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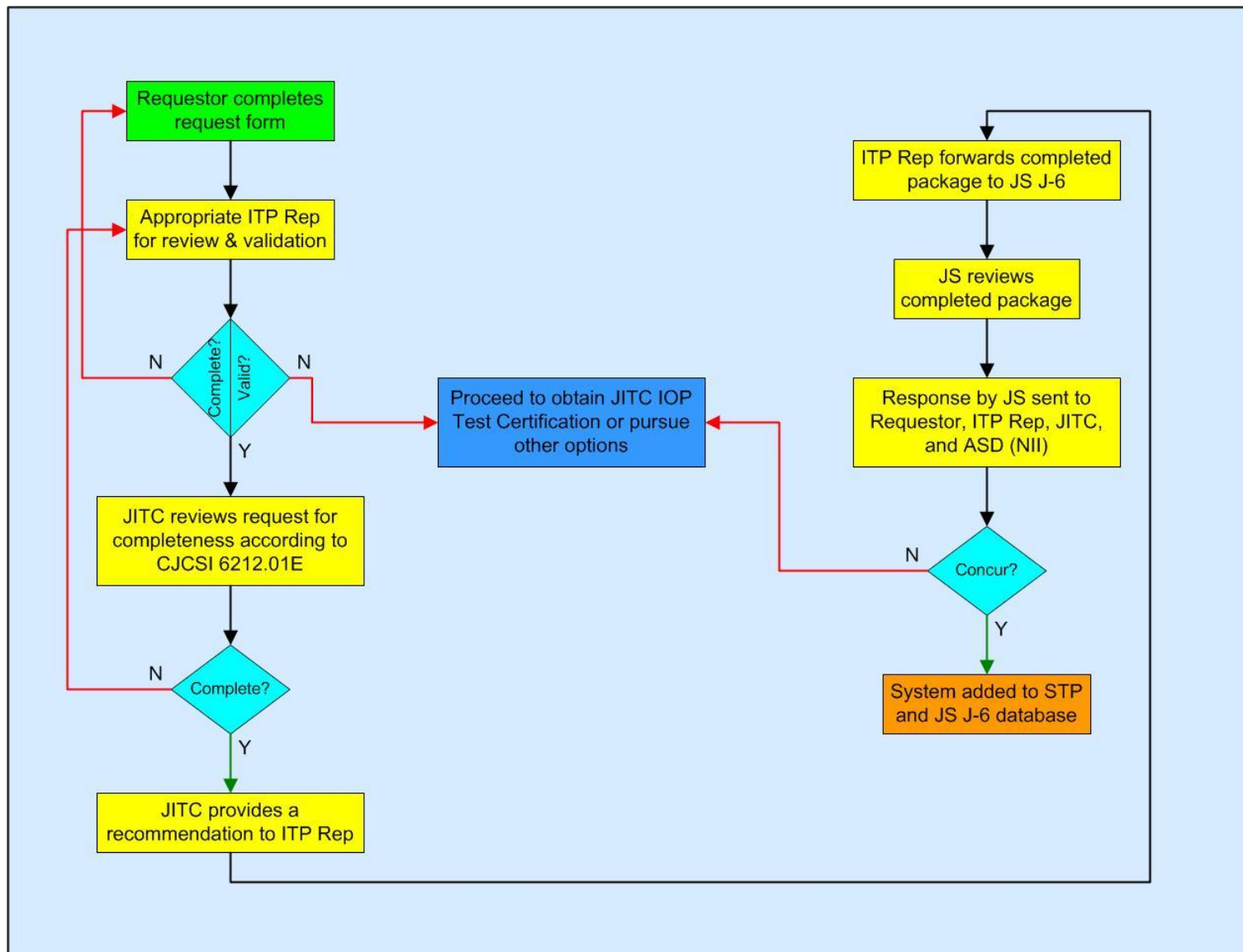
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Testing Exemption & Legacy Waiver Training
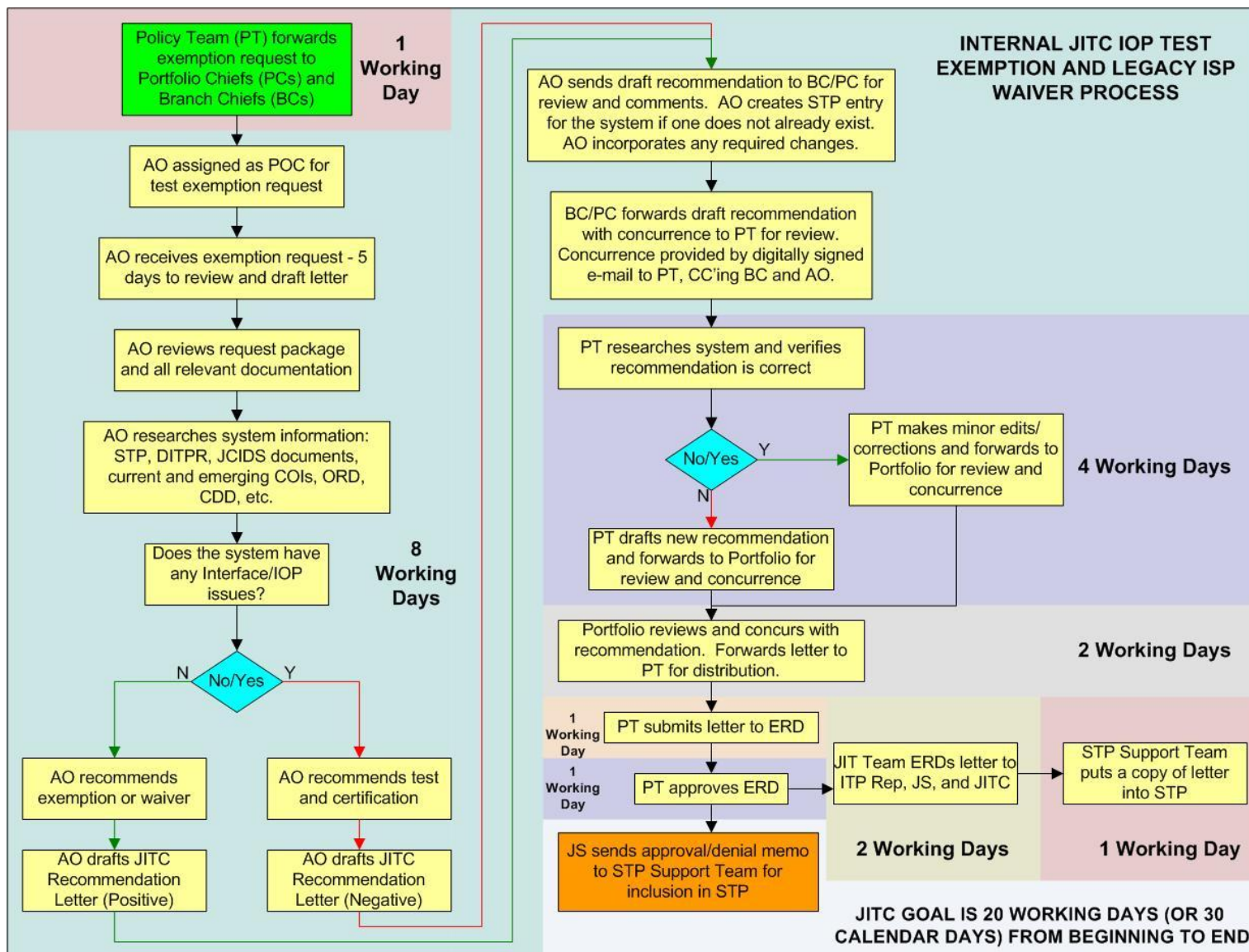
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JITC's Internal Process

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Background

- **Legacy ISP Waiver process began with an OASD memo 26 April 2006**

- **Interoperability Testing Exemption program began with a JS memo 27 November 2006**

- **Both programs were refined and modified over the years until they were included in CJCSI 6212.01E**

- **Based on feedback from JS, JITC is working on a new approach to drafting recommendations and developing a new test waiver process.**

JITC's Role in the Recommendation Process

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- Coordinated via e-mail only
- The goal is to complete the entire process in 20 working days
- ITP Reps will send requests to the correct mailbox and request a JITC POC to review them
- The Policy Team (PT) reviews requests for completeness and routes to appropriate Portfolio(s)
- Appropriate Portfolio Chief(s) (PC) and/or Branch Chief(s) (BC) will assign a POC and will inform PT of assigned AO
- Assigned AO will review request and complete the appropriate Recommendation memo
- If system spans more than one portfolio, then lead AO is responsible for appropriate coordination

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- **Assigned AO has 8 days to review request package, relevant documentation, internal and external sources, and draft recommendation memorandum**
- **AO is responsible for coordination with PM/Technical POC to obtain additional information**
- **AO should:**
  - **perform a thorough review of system's requirements**
  - **examine previous testing results (JITC or Service)**
  - **obtain knowledge of system performance in the field**
  - **Identify the status of interfacing systems**
  - **Identify end users/consumers of data (end-to-end information exchanges)**
- **AO forwards draft recommendation to BC for review**
- **AO will create an STP entry for the system if one does not already exist**
- **BC forwards recommendation to PT for review**
- **PT corrects memo (if needed) and resends to PC/BC for concurrence**

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- **PC/BC replies with digitally signed e-mail providing concurrence to PT, AO, and Admin Assistant**

- **PT submits recommendation to ERD**

- **PT approves and JIT Team ERDs the document to ITP Rep, JS, PT, PC, BC, AO, and STP Support**

- **STP Support Team puts copy of the recommendation in STP**
  - **Lead AO responsible for updating STP, as needed**
  - **JS will e-mail final memo to STP Support**

- **AOs uses the recommendation templates to ensure consistency of products T:\PLANS & POLICIES TRAINING\Test Exemption & Legacy Waiver**

- **Exemption & Waiver Best Practices can be found at the same location**

Guidelines for the Recommendation Process

- PMs are to go through their ITP Reps for any exemption/waiver requests per CJCSI 6212.01E

- If PMs contact JITC AOs directly to request an exemption/waiver recommendation, direct them to their ITP Rep

- Never tell PMs to apply for either program. Inform them that other options exist that they may want to explore.

- Contact the PMs for more information/documentation or to clarify an issue

- Programs pursuing T-ISP, ISP or other JCIDS documents while requesting an exemption will be denied per 6212.01E

- Recommendations for or against follow the same format

- Document and cite your reasons for/against recommendation

- Evaluate all technical aspects of the system (IA status, interfacing systems status, end-to-end information exchanges, previous service testing, joint operational risk, etc.)

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- **Operating in a Net-Centric environment (over the GIG) will focus less on individual system interfaces and more on information exchanges**
  - Discoverable data could/will be used by multiple S/A/CC
  - Requires continuing to evaluate overall operational effectiveness versus subsystem certification
  - Requesters tend to focus on a physical interface vice end-to-end information exchanges
- **The following are NOT automatic disqualifiers for joint interoperability testing:**
  - Using web interface/services
  - Non-automated information exchanges
  - Program or platform composed of subsystem(s) that require certification
  - Funding better suited to future increment/follow-on system